


REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were presented in the application as filed and were examined in the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, which rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,317,779 to Gile et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,831 to Gardell et al. Applicant's response filed on November 27, 2002 argued that the obviousness rejection was improper, and made no amendments to the claims other to correct a typographical error in dependent claim 16. The February 14, 2003 Office Action repeated the obviousness rejection and deemed Applicant's arguments not persuasive.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. This proposed amendment makes identical changes to both of the independent claims, i.e., claims 1 and 13. These claims presently specify "a schedule of one or more information requests, each information request having a different destination" Against the possibility that an issue might arise on appeal as to how a schedule having one information request might have a "different destination," the proposed amendment provides generally that the schedule includes two or more information requests, each of which has a corresponding destination, and that the destinations are different for two of the requests. The subject matter of the proposed amendment to independent claims 1 and 13 corresponds generally to that of rejected dependent claims 7 and 19, which are cancelled by the proposed amendment, and so the proposed amendment does not raise any new issues of patentability. By eliminating a potential collateral issue that was not raised by the Examiner but which might arise on appeal or in subsequent proceedings, the proposed amendment presents the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and entry of the proposed amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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